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## THREE LIVES SNUFFED OUT

In Terrible Mine Explosion  
at Rend City, Ill.

## RESCUE PARTY FINDS BODIES

Explosion of Such Force That  
It Shook Buildings Four  
Miles Away.

DUQUOIN, Ill. Dec. 19.—(Special)  
At 6:50 Saturday evening, December  
19, the second explosion in the Rend  
mine near Benton, Ill., occurred caus-  
ing the death of three shot miners. They  
were Chas. Donahue, of Pennsylvania,  
George McManaman, of Herrin, and  
Will Murphy, of Virden.

Little is known of the cause of the  
explosion and it is not known whether  
or not the men were killed instantly,  
or whether they were killed by the  
poisonous after damp which followed  
the explosion.

State Mine Inspector W. S. Burris  
hastened to Benton and lead a search-  
ing party into the mine in search of  
the shot miners as soon as the mine  
could be entered. They worked hard  
but it was not until nearly one o'clock  
the morning after that they were able  
to reach the bodies of the dead men.

One theory which is advanced and  
may have been the cause of the explo-  
sion, is that a part of the mine which  
had been sealed up to stop the fire caus-  
ed by the explosion of Nov. 5, was full  
of gas and this is thought to have ex-  
ploded.

It was one of the worst explosions  
which ever occurred in Franklin coun-  
ty and the shock was felt very dis-  
tinctly in Benton, 4 miles away. A  
car was blown from the bottom of the  
shaft and fell a hundred feet deep,  
wrecking the badly  
wrecked. The bodies  
were blown out of the  
mine and were found  
in the street.

The explosion caused  
wrecking of the mine  
will be worked again.  
The explosion was  
estimated at \$100,000.  
The explosion was  
into the mine.

There were about 25 men in the  
searching party with Mr. Burris and  
several of them were from DuQuoin.  
They did good work in rescuing the  
men and deserve much credit for go-  
ing into the mine as it was considered  
a very dangerous undertaking.

When the explosion occurred Col. W.  
P. Rend, the owner of the mine and  
the members of the investigating com-  
mittee appointed by the miners to in-  
vestigate the machine mines in Frank-  
lin county and the cause of the recent  
explosion in which four lives were  
lost, were standing on the depot plat-  
form waiting for the train. They se-  
cured rigs and went to Rend, four  
miles away, as fast as possible. Since  
the recent explosion at Benton it has  
been very difficult to get men to go in-  
to the mine to fire shots and the four  
were short a man Saturday night. It  
is fortunate, however, that it was this  
way for had there been four men in  
the mine there would have been one  
more death.

## DUNLAP GROCER BANKRUPT

A Voluntary Petition Filed in  
Federal Court.

W. P. Mansfield, a merchant at  
Dunlap, filed a petition in bankruptcy  
Thursday, giving his liabilities at  
\$760.05, assets \$605. The largest cred-  
itor named in the petition was Stag-  
meier & Fletcher, for the amount of  
\$233.06, and the next largest was the  
Tom Fritz Hardware company, for  
\$133.42. In the petition certain house-  
hold goods and some live stock were  
claimed as exempt. Mansfield, who  
sought the bankruptcy court has been a  
merchant at Dunlap for several years.  
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## Empire, Ala.

Special to the News.

Empire is on a boom now. The men  
are getting all the cars they can load.  
The contractors get from 75 to 100  
cars per day. The solid coal diggers  
get from 15 to 25 cars per day. No  
one has kicked for cars since this  
place started up in November. The  
men are all making good money. Sev-  
eral of the contractors cleared from  
\$75 to \$100 in November. Some new  
improvements are being added to the  
tipple and mines. By Feb. 1st there  
will be room for more men, both coal  
diggers and company men.

The endless rope haulage system re-  
cently installed is quite a success.

Mrs. J. K. Cook, of Dora, is visit-  
ing her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Sowell,  
of this place.

Tom McHone is preparing to go to  
Texas.

Tom McNabb has come here to work.  
A. Ellison, of Manchester, has come  
here to work.

E. J. Johnson has been very sick for  
several days, but is somewhat better  
now.

B. B. Walker has returned from the  
hospital. He is some better than he  
was when he went there. He will not  
go to work for a week or two.

Walter Stone of Birmingham, was  
at this place Monday.

Jim Hambrick was in Dora Thurs-  
day.

B. Cole gave a dance Friday night.

Jim Watson was in Dora Saturday.

Curtis Ellison paid a visit to his pa-  
rents who live several miles from here,  
Saturday.

Henry Busbee was in Dora Saturday.

Miss Hattie Allen gave a pound party  
Saturday night. A large crowd of  
young people were present. All had a  
merry time.

Joe Tidwell gave a dance Saturday  
night.

George Parks and Miss Ruby Speig-  
el were out walking Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Craft, of Birm-  
ingham, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W.  
A. Upton.

W. A. Hassell will move to Adger,  
Ala., some time after Xmas. Ethel.

## Christmas After Freedom.

On a typical plantation the first  
Christmas after the war came gloomily  
indeed. A number of the negroes  
still inhabited the old "quarter," but  
they were too demoralized and unset-  
tled in mind to work. The cotton  
crop had been a failure, and old debts  
had swallowed up the proceeds. No  
boxes and barrels containing good  
things for Christmas had been rolled  
from the steamboats out upon the  
plantation landing—as in better times.  
But Christmas morning there was the  
old chorus, "Merry Christmas" under  
the window.

The master of the house flung open  
the window impatiently and called  
out: "There's no Christmas for you  
here; you will have to make your own  
Christmas now." An old patriarch of  
the tribe stepped forward and bared  
his grey head. "We've brought 'li'  
Christmas 'mus 'membrance fer Master and  
Mistis, please sah," he said. They  
came in then. Each had a gift and  
laid it on the table in silence. One  
brought a dressed chicken, another a  
dozen eggs, the patriarch brought a  
baked possum. A pair of home-knit  
socks, a bag of hickory nuts and a bas-  
ket of walnuts were among the offer-  
ings.

When their gifts had been deposited  
they started to file out, when the man  
of the house, affected almost to tears,  
called them back and thanked them as  
best he could.

The children poured out the contents  
of their Santa Claus stockings to share  
with the visitors, and the house-moth-  
er brought out a jug of home-made  
wine.

There was a little Christmas cheer  
after all. The hard feeling melted  
away; every heart responded to the  
prayer uttered by the old negro leader  
when he was departing. Bowing his  
white head, he said: "De Lord bless  
you and your family, Master, and  
hep us ter feel an ack right town's  
one anudder."—Mary E. Bryan in Un-  
cle Remus's—The Home Magazine for  
December.

## The Correct Time

to stop a cough or cold is just as soon  
as it starts—then there will be no dan-  
ger of pneumonia or consumption.  
Just a few doses of Ballard's Hore-  
bound Syrup taken at the start will  
stop the cough. If it has been run-  
ning on for sometime the treatment  
will be longer, but the cure is sure.  
Sold by Sequachee Supply Store.

## Died.

Mrs. Doubtitt, who lived east of  
here, died Saturday and was buried at  
the Lenoir cemetery Monday. W. D.  
Dew officiated. She leaves a husband.

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## Jasper Department

Conducted by J. D. M.

H. M. Deakins is out after "a sick  
spell."

Brown Roberson spent Saturday in  
Chattanooga.

G. Sherman, of Sequatchie, was  
here last week.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. B.  
Griffith died Thursday, Dec. 17.

Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Stewart, of  
Knoxville, have been visiting here.

A new culvert is being put in  
near the livery stable of Boyd & Walker.

Rev. Dobbs, the new pastor of the  
M. E. Church, has arrived and taken  
charge of the work.

The Statesman Democrat, our enter-  
prising local paper, takes a week off  
to enjoy Christmas, and consequently  
there will be no issue this week.

B. E. Tatum and family are now  
located in their new home in Chat-  
tanooga. Mr. Tatum has been so long  
identified with the business affairs of  
our county and town that his presence  
will be missed. They were accompa-  
nied to Chattanooga by Mrs. R. Y.  
Havron, and her niece, Miss Fannie  
Lindsey.

Quite a number of the members of  
Laurel Lodge, No. 287, K. of P., at-  
tended the District Convention of K.  
of P's at Dunlap Thursday night.

Miss Sallie Tittle has been elected  
by the congregation of the M. E.  
Church South, church organist, and  
Mrs. Leon Rogers, Sunday school or-  
ganist.

Rev. John T. Waters of Sequachee,  
was in the city a few days last week,  
mixing with our people. He is a very  
pleasant gentleman, and is of great as-  
sistance to Rev. Dew in his work.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bennett re-  
turned last week from a visit of a  
month at Hot Springs, Ark. Mrs.  
Bennett and children will remain  
here while Mr. Bennett will return to  
Porto Rico.

This is Worth Reading.  
Leo F. Zollinski, of 68 Gibson St.,  
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most annoying cold sore I ever had,  
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days, when every trace of the sore was  
gone." Heals all sores. Sold under  
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Mrs. Harris Cope.  
WHITWELL, Tenn. Dec. 17.—Mrs.  
Harris Cope died here Wednesday  
of last week and was buried Thursday  
at the Walzer Cemetery. She was about  
55 years old. C. C. Houts of Sequa-  
chee is a half-brother.

Don't  
Think because you have taken many remedies  
in vain that your case is incurable. Hood's  
Sarsaparilla has cured many seemingly hope-  
less cases of scrofula, catarrh, rheumatism,  
kidney complaint, dyspepsia and debility.

Roop  
Special to the News.

Cold weather is the order of the day.  
It is sad to pen the death of Andy  
Whimbley, who died Wednesday, and  
was buried Thursday. He leaves a  
wife and three children to mourn his  
loss, besides many friends. Weep not,  
dear ones, for he is at rest.

Miss Maud McNabb spent Friday  
night, with Mrs. Bessie Douglass.

Mrs. Martha McNabb says she en-  
joys life now better than she ever did.

Tom Keef purchased a gold watch  
Saturday.

Miss Alice Parker, of Chattanooga,  
was in the city of Roop Monday and  
Tuesday and returned to Chattanooga  
Wednesday and was married to Mr.  
Fred Billingsley Wednesday night at 8  
o'clock.

Bro. Maddock, of Chattanooga,  
preached at the Christian Church Sun-  
day at 11 o'clock.

There will be an Xmas tree at the  
Methodist Church Xmas. Let every-  
body come and have a nice time.

Jess Simpson made his usual call at  
W. I. Davis' Sunday evening.

They are running five days a week  
in the mines at Ena now.

Mrs. Lizzie Parker, who has been  
sick for some time is not improving  
much. Hope she will soon recover.

C. H. Vicars made his usual call at  
W. I. Davis' Sunday.

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well, and spend Xmas with us.  
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a different line. In this case only fifteen

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attractive piece of land, but the new

owner went at it with intelligence and

skill, and in a few months the fifteen

acres were beautiful to look at. In

three years it has come to be a fine or-

chard, where once the mesquite brush

and the cactus ruled unhampered. In

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